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Remarks

This Office Action has acknowledged approval of Applicant's amendment of August 3, 2004, and no further substantive rejections or objections were made.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected all pending claims (i.e., claims 4, 5 and 7-12) under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/600,731. As this is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the Examiner has recognized that the rejection may be overcome by the filing of a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer and the associated fee are enclosed herewith. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has been obviated.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, namely Claims 4, 5, and 7-12, are patentable, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

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